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**STATEMENT UNDER RULE 312**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Further to the Notice of Allowance of June 2, 2003, Applicants made a claim for domestic priority in the originally submitted specification; See, the first paragraph thereof. In addition, the Declaration for Patent Application (copy enclosed) also identified the same claim for domestic priority. Although the application stands allowed, the Office never acknowledged claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that their claim for domestic priority be acknowledged prior to issuance of the patent.

Respectfully submitted,

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